

Boston, June 14, 1837.

My dear George:

60 It does my heart good to see your plain, unambitious handwriting once more, in the letter from you which is now before me. It is very brief indeed, and business-like, showing that you feel the importance of making hay while the sun shines, like a good and thrifty farmer. It is enough that you say—"I anticipate your visit with much pleasure." What more could you have said, had you filled your entire sheet with professions of friendship? I will add, that for some weeks I have been longing, like a child absent from home, to see you all under the dear family roof. All, did I say? It yet seems difficult for me to realize, that two of the number have taken their flight to a fairer clime—that the ripened shock of corn and the blooming flower have fallen to the earth. Thanks be to God, it is only mortality swallowed up of life. But those that remain in this earthly tabernacle, I hope to see on Saturday afternoon, bringing with me my dear affectionate Helen, and my darling boy, both of whom need the beneficial influences of a country residence. We hope to be able to tarry with you a few weeks, without meaning to be burdensome to you. During my absence, my friend Oliver Johnson will act as sub-editor of the Liberator, and thus keep its concerns in good order. Of course, I divide my salary with him. I shall try to write for the paper every week, so that no complaint may arise on account of my absence.

I have just settled dear Henry's account with Mr. Chapman. A mistake of four dollars was discovered in his favor - making the whole amount \$17, 82 - not so large as I supposed it would be. Of this sum, agreeably to your request, I have paid Mr. Southard \$16, leaving a balance of \$1, 82 in my hands, which I will put into your hands when we meet. I shall bring with me all the numbers of the Youth's Cabinet, up to the present week. It is a very interesting publication - and friend Southard is just the man to be its editor.

1A [The anti-slavery cause, in the Commonwealth, continues to be in a thriving condition. Our late New-England Convention was a prime one - the proceedings of which will soon be laid before the public. It was a regular "protracted meeting" - i. e. just "four days," in duration, viz. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are now preparing to make a mighty agitation on the subject of Texas - and unless every effort be put forth, and every man be found at his post, to prevent the annexation of that republic of thieves, cut-throats and men-stealers to our Union, I fear we, and those who now live, will never see slavery peacefully abolished. May Heaven confound every attempt to make that blood-stained territory a part of our own!]

[The Liberator has now a pretty fair circulation - at least three thousand subscribers - despite all the machinations of sectarian cavillers and pro-slavery opposers. Its expenses, however, are very great, in consequence of the enlargement of its sheet, and the low price at which it is afforded.]

13 [We have been very fortunate in securing the services of bro. Phelps as our General Agent. He is expected in Boston on Saturday, to commence his labors in good earnest. Whittier has just gone to New-York, to relieve Stanton from the drudgery of epistolary correspondence, and enable him to come to Massachusetts for a few weeks, in order to complete the victory commenced last year - revolutionizing John Quincy Adams's District - drive the Texas question, &c. Stanton is the Napoleon of our cause.]

Mr. Adams is now at Quincy. He has lately had quite a "visitation" from several abolition fanatics, and received them all with respect and cordiality. First, James G. Birney and Francis Jackson had a long interview with him - then John G. Whittier and W. L. Garrison - then Angelina E. and Sarah M. Brinké - and then Wm. Goodell. I will tell you something about these visits hereafter.

I have been invited to go to Coventry next week, to address the women of that village, who have sent me six dollars to defray my expenses - and Wm. M. Chace writes me that my presence is much needed, at about the same time, at some public meetings which are to be held in various places in that State. I do not know that I shall accept of either of the invitations - perhaps I shall of all.

There was a tremendous riot in this city on Sunday afternoon last - exceeding in violence any that has ever gone before it. It took place between the Irish and some engine companies - the latter being chiefly to blame. Many of the former got most dreadfully bruised - their houses were sacked, and the most

dastardly outrages perpetrated upon their property - yet they were the only individuals arrested as offenders, and dragged off to jail. The spirit felt toward the poor Irish is almost as ferocious as toward the colored race.

I believe Helen has done what little shopping was requested of her in Anna's letter. It has been a real pleasure to her to make the purchases.

May Ann Coffin is to accompany us to Brooklyn on Saturday. She is to stay with Lucy Scarborough awhile.

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Singler. - Paid.

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Wm. T. Benson,

Brooklyn,

Connecticut.

It may be that something will transpire, so as to prevent our coming on Saturday. If so, we shall seize the next opportunity. Give yourselves no uneasiness, should there be a failure.

My next letter will probably be a living epistle. A great deal of love to Catharine, dear mother, May, Sarah, Anne, &c.
Yours, lovingly, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Apr. 12. 60